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Amendments to Claims

1. (Presently Amended) A flexible tube having a bellows comprising a plurality of convolutes formed in the wall of said tube, said convolutes extending above the top surface of the tube and circumscribing the tube, said convolutes being spaced from one another in the axial direction of the tube,

wherein at least one of said convolutes comprises two opposing bending sections and two restrained elongation sections positioned between the bending sections, and

wherein the two opposing bending sections and the two restrained sections all extend a height above the top surface of the tube, the height of the bending sections above the top surface of the tube being greater than the height of the restrained elongation sections above the top surface of the tube, whereby the bending sections of the flexible tube are more flexible than the restrained sections of the flexible tube,

wherein said plurality of convolutes includes two convolutes juxtaposed next to each other that each have two opposing bending sections and two opposing restrained elongation sections positioned between the bending sections, said two opposing bending sections and said two opposing restrained elongation sections of said two juxtaposed convolutes being aligned with corresponding bending sections and restrained sections of the juxtaposed convolute.

- 2. (Previously Presented) The tube of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of transition sections, said transition sections being positioned between said bending sections_and said restrained elongation sections.
- 3. (Original) The tube of claim 1, wherein the width in the axial direction of the restrained elongation section is less than the width in the axial direction of the bending section.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The tube of claim 2, wherein the restrained elongation sections include two convolutes radially spaced apart that each have opposite ends attached to one of said transition sections.

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 (Original) The tube of claim 1, wherein at least two of said convolutes comprises two opposing bending sections and two restrained elongation sections positioned between the bending sections, and

wherein the length in the radial direction of the elongation sections decreases from a first convolute to a second convolute.

- 6. (Original) The tube of claim 1, wherein said tube comprises a thermoplastic resin.
 - 8. (Original)An air duct that includes the tube of claim 1.
 - 9. (Original) A coolant pipe that includes the tube of claim 1.
 - 10. (Original) A fuel tube that includes the tube of claim 1.
 - 12. (Original) An automobile liquid line that includes the tube of claim 1.
 - 13. (Original) A water line that includes the tube of claim 1.
 - 14. (Withdrawn) [The tube of claim 1, wherein said plurality of convolutes includes two convolutes juxtaposed next to each other that each comprise two opposing bending sections and two opposing restrained elongation sections positioned between the bending sections, said two opposing bending sections and said two opposing restrained elongation sections of said two juxtaposed convolutes being aligned with corresponding bending sections and restrained sections of the juxtaposed convolute.]
 - 15. (Presently Amended) The tube of claim 1 [14] wherein the two opposing bending sections and the two opposing restrained sections of the two juxtaposed convolutes all extend a height above the top surface of the tube, the height of the bending sections of each of the two juxtaposed convolutes above the top surface of the tube being greater than the height of the restrained elongation sections of the two juxtaposed convolutes above the top surface of the tube.